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Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required a restriction to one of the following Examiner-defined groups: Group I: claims 1-4; Group II: claim 5; and Group III: claims 6.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-4), with traverse. Applicants argue that, while claims 1, 5 and 6 have different limitations, these claims are linked by a single inventive concept, and thus the same search can cover all claims.

Election Requirement

The Examiner has required an election of one of the Examiner-defined species listed on pages 2 and 3 of the October 8, 2008 Restriction and Election Requirement.

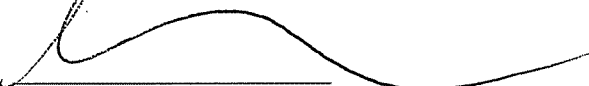
Applicants elect the Examiner-defined species corresponding to nanoparticle combinations, including gold nanoparticles, silver nanoparticles, and a mixture of gold and silver nanoparticles. This elected species corresponds to claims 1, 2, 5 and 6.

Applicants reserve all rights in the non-elected claims and species to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this response, the undersigned may be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper; however if any such fees are due please charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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